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Libraries Helping Libraries—Donated Shelving Aids Rural Libraries

The McCormick County Library will open its new headquarters in late November, thanks, in part, to the work of Sen. Thomas Moore (McCormick) and the generosity of the Florence County Council and Florence County Library.

McCormick County Library's new headquarters was nearing completion in September 2004 and in tight budget times, faced moving into the new building with its old shelving. Recognizing the need for assistance, Sen. Moore contacted State Librarian Jim Johnson to help McCormick obtain new shelving.



Architect Danny Shelley studies plans for McCormick shelving



"New" McCormick Shelving

The Florence County Library recently moved into a new headquarters facility, leaving behind much of its shelving. The State Library worked closely with Florence County Procurement Officer Alice Bailey, who presented a proposal to the Florence County Council to have some of that shelving donated to McCormick. In late September, Florence County Council voted unanimously to approve the donation. LSTA funding of \$11,580.00 will assist

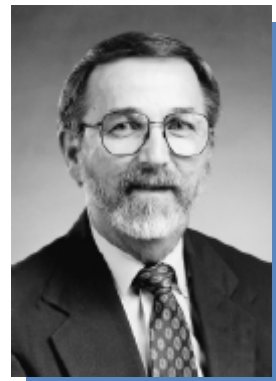
McCormick in the completion of this process.

McCormick County Library is not the only system benefiting from Florence's generosity. The Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library (AHJ) will also be receiving shelving from Florence.

The spirit of cooperation is widespread among South Carolina libraries. Recently, the Kershaw County Library obtained shelving for its annex from the Greenville County Library, and AHJ Regional Library will also be receiving shelving from the Dillon County Library.

FROM THE DIRECTOR.....

James B. Johnson, Jr.



The State Library's budget hearing with Governor Mark Sanford was held on October 5, 2004. We were able to discuss State Library programs, such as State Aid to County Libraries and DISCUS.

The State Library is requesting that State Aid for County Libraries be increased from the current 82 cents per capita with a minimum grant of \$40,000 per county to \$2 per capita with the minimum grant being raised to \$50,000. This would require an additional appropriation of \$4,462,717.

Another request involves the State Library's information services to state government agencies. The State Library proposes to enhance and promote our research services to state government by creating a special "South Carolina Legislative and Governmental Research Section" within the Information Services Department. Its purpose would be to provide timely, confidential, nonpartisan, objective research on legislative, policy, and public administration issues to the Governor's Office, General Assembly, and top agency officials.

Lottery funding is not in the State Library's budget, but is transferred to the State Library after the budget is adopted. We made the case that public libraries need to continue receiving lottery funds for technology and library materials.

The Association of Public Library Administrators plans to build upon last year's legislative success to take public library and State Library funding to a greater level. When your library director asks you to make contact with legislators, please do so. Together, we can have an impact on library funding.

Lea Walsh Remembered

The South Carolina State Library is mourning the loss of Miss Lea Walsh, who passed away after a brief illness in August 2004. During her tenure with the State Library, Miss Walsh acted as the head of Interlibrary Loan and Network Services, retiring after 28 years of service in 2002. As the Director of Network Services, Miss Walsh worked closely with the State Office of Information Resources (now the Chief Information Officer's Office) in a project that wired all of South Carolina's public libraries for Internet access. She assisted many libraries with their first automation efforts and also worked with the libraries during the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Library Program in 1999-2000. "She was liked and respected by our staff and by literally hundreds of public library staff members across the state," said State Librarian Jim Johnson. He added, "I've heard it said that one's value as a human being can be determined by the number of people you've touched and assisted during your life. If that's the case, then Lea was truly valued. She will be missed."



State Library Welcomes Return of Public Relations Coordinator



After a five year absence, Ann Addy has rejoined the SC State Library as the part-time Public Relations Coordinator. She will be responsible for creating and implementing marketing campaigns for the State Library and its programs and services. She is also available to the county libraries as a marketing and public relations consultant.

Ms. Addy kept herself very busy after leaving the State Library in 1999. She worked for Semaphore, a marketing and advertising agency in Columbia. She worked with non-profit clients, economic development and business-to-business clients. As an account executive, she worked to develop effective marketing and advertising strategies, and also worked in new business development.

In addition to her work with the SC State Library, Ann also operates her own marketing and public relations consulting firm, Solutions! Ink. Her clients include non-profits, healthcare, economic development and businesses.

She can be reached at 803-734-4385 or email addy@leo.scslib.state.sc.us.

Save the Date for A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen

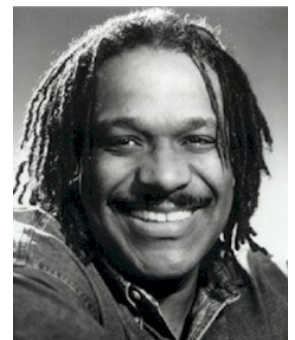


Christopher Paul Curtis, who made his debut in children's literature with *The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963*, will be the featured guest for the 19th annual A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen: A Celebration of Stories. Cosponsored by the Richland County Public Library and the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science, the two-day event will be held on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23 in downtown Columbia.

Curtis' second novel, *Bud, Not Buddy*, is the first book to ever receive both the Newbery Medal and the Coretta Scott King Author Award.

"To me the highest accolade comes when a young reader tells me, 'I really liked your book.' The young seem to be able to say 'really' with a clarity, a faith, and an honesty that we as adults have long forgotten," Curtis has said. "That is why I write."

RCPL's annual celebration of stories brings to life the world of storytelling and children's literature and pays tribute to Augusta Baker. A nationally known author and storyteller, Baker moved to Columbia in 1980 and was appointed the Storyteller-in-Residence at USC.



Watch the library's Web site—<http://www.richland.lib.sc.us/baker.htm>—for more details on this year's event!



DISCUS Asks Students: "GOT HOMEWORK?"

"GOT HOMEWORK" is a new billboard campaign launched September 1 by the SC State Library and the Outdoor Advertising Association of South Carolina (OAASC). This campaign promotes DISCUS as the resource to help students complete homework. DISCUS also gives teachers more and better resources to support and enhance the curriculum, as well as to support teachers' continued professional education.

The campaign began September 1 with 50 billboards posted throughout the state, one in each county, with the extras going to Florence, Charleston and Lexington. Space for the campaign was donated by the OAASC and is valued at approximately \$25,000.

Lamar Advertising of Columbia designed the billboards and also bumper stickers that promote DISCUS, directing students and others to the DISCUS web site. Additional materials will be distributed to the schools and libraries in support of this campaign.

During 2003/04, South Carolinians got over 6 million items (articles and other published info) through DISCUS. "Although the numbers are impressive, we still need to educate people about DISCUS," says Mary Bull, DISCUS program director. "Many teachers, students and parents remain unaware about DISCUS and the value it provides them.

"We hope this campaign will raise awareness about DISCUS and the resources it offers students and teachers," she adds. "In addition to the billboard campaign and other support materials, we need all our constituent groups to promote DISCUS. If you have grandchildren or children, be sure they know about DISCUS," Bull says. "The campaign is a limited venture but promoting DISCUS is year-round."



For more information about DISCUS, visit the DISCUS web site: <http://www.scdiscus.org> or contact: Mary Bull, DISCUS Project Director, (803) 737-7736 or email: mary@leo.scsli.state.sc.us



LIBRIS Design to Assist South Carolina Libraries in Building Projects



Linda Demmers, Libris Design Project Manager, provides information on using the software to create comprehensive planning documents

The South Carolina State Library sponsored a workshop in August 2004 at the Florence County Library for 20 public library directors and staff to introduce them to Libris Design, a facilities planning system developed by the California State Library and its partners. Linda Demmers, Libris Design Project Manager and Richard Hall, California Library Bond Act Manager (and Libris Design developer) conducted the workshop.

Libris Design works in planning new facilities or in the renovation of existing spaces. It is capable of recommending divisions, such as the Reference division or Children's Library, with assigned space recommendations. Users are then able to fill those divisions with furniture and collections. Square footage recommendations and cost estimates are updated continuously, based on the furnishings



Workshop attendees listen intently as speakers introduce Libris Design

chosen and the number of volumes or items added. Once the model is complete, the software can then create a formatted program, ready for review by government officials and architects.

Penny Harvey, director of the Kershaw County Library, was very impressed with the features of Libris Design. "Having created a building program previously with an adding machine," she says, "this software definitely makes the task less daunting. You can so easily create different scenarios and it forces you to think of elements you might not think of otherwise. It's this added value that makes the software so great."



The Anderson County Library has received a \$6 million county-budget allocation for two new branches. They'll replace buildings of 1,500 sq. ft. in Pendleton and 2,000 sq. ft. in Powdersville. The new facilities have been designed by Craig, Gaulden & Davis Architects of Greenville.

The Pendleton branch will be built on the site of an historic mansion, circa 1900. The mansion's remaining pillars are part of the design. The 12,000 sq. ft. building will house up to 75,000 books and other materials and include a lawn and plaza area for wildlife viewing. There will be expanded space for 20 to 30 computers, tutoring areas, and a 75-seat meeting room.

The Powdersville branch will be the same size and reflect the same increase in materials and service areas. The building also will have room for a number of county offices and a recycling center. The library will be the anchor of a new shopping complex. Both libraries are expected to be completed by the end of 2005.



Talking Book Services Celebrates Achievements of its Youngest Readers

The South Carolina State Library's Talking Book Services held a special "Step to the Beat...Read" awards party on July 29th, celebrating the achievement of some of its youngest readers.

Each year the TBS department hosts its own version of the statewide summer reading program. Children, pre-school to age twelve, are encouraged to participate. This year, thirty-one talking book readers, from across the state registered to participate. Of that number sixteen completed the summer reading program, and four summer readers, with their parents and brothers, sisters, and friends attended the party.

The children and their guests enjoyed a sing-a-long led by talking book reader and library supporter, Malinda Goff. Goff displayed her musical talents by playing the guitar as she led the children in a sing-a-long performance of the "Step to the Beat...Read" theme song.



Neel Sheth recites favorite story

An avid Braille reader, Goff, along with Senior Librarian Chris Yates, also treated the children to a wonderful story time reading. Not to be bested by Goff and her storytelling skills, seven year old summer reader Neel Sheth of Camden, gave all in attendance a special and unexpected treat by reciting, from memory, one of his favorite stories. Sheth, also a Braille reader, became fast friends with his new reading and storytelling buddy. For his special performance, Sheth received the party's "mystery prize"—a band-in-a-box (a toy designed especially for children with blindness and low vision).

Other summer readers attending included five-year-old Staycee Etheredge of Saluda, seven-year-old Jacey Sohm of Holly Hill, and and twelve year old Kimberly Hilton of Manning. Each was presented with certificates and medals in recognition of their special reading efforts during the summer. Etheredge, the winner of the party's grand prize drawing, took home a portable 4-track cassette player, designed for use by readers with blindness.



Jacey Sohm, summer reading participant, enjoys reading celebration

The awards party received television coverage from Columbia's very own "News 19, WLTX-TV." Additionally, reporter Brandy Bell gave the TBS program even more coverage when she did a special segment on summer reader Jacey Sohm. Sohm became a local star when Bell visited her home in Holly Hill where she and her mother were interviewed to showcase the importance of talking book services to children unable to use regular print. For her exceptional promotion of TBS, Sohm was presented, at the awards party, with four complimentary zoo passes (courtesy of Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia) to share and enjoy with her family.

All children attending the party, summer readers and their guests, received 6" stuffed penguins (purchased from Riverbanks Zoo) as souvenir reminders of their special summer where they all "stepped to the beat" and read some really great books.

Note: Summer reading prizes, refreshments and party souvenirs were made possible by the generous support of the South Carolina State Library Foundation. Established in 1993, The South Carolina State Library Foundation strives to ensure that all children in South Carolina have exposure and access to services of their local libraries. This includes books, reading programs and technology.

Guynell Williams, Interim Director, Talking Book Services, (803) 734-4619 or Email: guynell@leo.scscl.state.sc.us.



NEWSWORTHY

The Samuel Bloom World War I Archive has recently been donated to Joseph M. Bruccoli Great War Collection at the **University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library**. The collection includes correspondence, diaries, photographs, and items from before and after Mr. Bloom's service in France during WWI. The collection was donated by Mr. Bloom's sons, Dr. Robert Bloom and Mr. Jack Bloom. A description and basic list of the archive is available on the Web at: www.sc.edu/library/spcoll/hist/bloom/Bloom.html

Mary Daubenspeck, formerly Technical Services Librarian at Spartanburg Technical College, has been appointed Systems Librarian for the **South Carolina Information and Library Services Consortium (SCILS)**. SCILS serves 10 two-year colleges in South Carolina.

The **Greenville County Library** has created a booklet featuring 26 of Greenville's important buildings and landmarks, including the Coca Cola Bottling Plant, the Shoeless Joe Jackson House, and the Campbell Covered Bridge. Each feature includes historical background, photographs, maps, and driving directions. The booklet, *Greenville Count Historic Sites Driving Tour*, is available at any branch location,

the South Carolina Room at the Main Library, and at the Friends Shop for only \$1.00.

SOLINET has created an online job bank. Library administrators may post positions available within the SOLINET region, the SE United States and the Caribbean. See www.solinet.net to access the job bank or post positions.

Richland County Council Member Kit Smith has received the Public Service Award from the **Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL)**. In the late 1980's, Smith chaired the Citizens for Better Libraries Committee, leading the campaign for passage of the \$27 million bond referendum that funded the construction of Richland County Public Library's Main Library and seven branches.

Anderson County Library is welcoming its new Deputy Director Anne Misheau. "I'm really excited about being here," Anne says in *Bookmarks*, the Anderson County Library Newsletter. "I already feel a kinship with the staff." On the same day Anne began in Anderson, Director Carl Stone celebrated his 30th anniversary with the library. Congratulations to both!

In Memoriam

Mary Gaines McCord, former director of the **Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library System**, passed away at the age of 80 in June 2004. Mrs. McCord presided as director during a time of terrific growth, including doubling the size of the Greenwood Library, the addition of the Ninety Six Branch Library, and improvements to the libraries in Calhoun Falls, Due West, and Ware Shoals. Mrs. McCord was a graduate of the University of South Carolina and received her Masters in Library Science from Emory University.



Virtually Speaking—USC—Thomas Cooper Opens Virtual Reference Service

Virtual Reference Services (VRS) are now available from the Thomas Cooper Library on the Columbia Campus of USC. With the use of cutting edge technology, librarians can now assist patrons on the Web.

This technology enables users to “Chat” with a librarian online and also co-browse with them. For example, librarians can show users how to search within catalogs and databases, demonstrate proper search strategies, point out important parts of a record, push Web pages, and even use PowerPoint presentations.

Visit the Thomas Cooper Library web site at <http://www.sc.edu/library/> and click on “Ask a Librarian.” Begin a virtual reference session by clicking on the “Online” link, logging into the system, and submitting a question. It is recommend that Internet Explorer be used in virtual reference sessions, but other browsers will also work.

Please contact Joshua Garris at jbgarris@gwm.sc.edu or call the Thomas Cooper Library Reference Desk at (803) 777-4866 for more information.

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